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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/904,993 Confirmation No.3817  
Applicant : Prekschat, Patricia  
Filed : July 13, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 1775  
Examiner : ROBERT R. KOEHLER  
Title : CHROMIUM(VI) - FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT  
Docket No. : 31716US1  
Customer No. : 000116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**Amendment "C"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 16). The three month period for responding to the Office action was set to expire on September 4, 2003. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended for 3 month(s), through December 4, 2003. The \$475 extension of time fee is enclosed. Also included with this filing is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and corresponding fee in the amount of \$180.00 along with a Terminal Disclaimer and corresponding fee in the amount of \$55.00. By this amendment, fourteen (14) total new claims, including one (1) new additional independent claim, have been added and the corresponding fee in the amount of \$169.00 is enclosed. A check in the total amount of \$879.00 is enclosed to cover the above-identified fees.

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Steven J. Solomon

*December 2, 2003*

Date

Name of Attorney for Applicant(s)Signature of Attorney

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 19 of this paper.